## Tennessee Board of Regent Scholarships to Intern in Washington D.C.

Each year, the Tennessee Board of Regents offers several scholarships for MTSU students to work and study in Washington, D.C. Students can choose to use the scholarship during the fall, spring, or summer semester.

The internship is run through **The Washington Center** (<u>http://www.twc.edu</u>), a long-standing non-profit organization that supervises hundreds of interns in Washington every semester. Students are placed in an internship based on their career goals four days a week, and attend a seminar course related to their internship topic the remaining day. Students thus earn 12 hours of internship credit and 3 hours of seminar course credit. Periodically throughout the semester, students also have the opportunity meet and attend talks by elected officials, political reporters, campaign consultants, and so on. Students have the option of living in either Washington Center housing or private housing.

Previous MTSU students who have interned with The Washington Center have worked in the Vice-President's office, Congressional offices, lobbying firms, the State Department, law offices, international non-governmental organizations, and news organizations. It is a great opportunity for any student interested in any aspect of politics, public policy, or government.

## **Scholarship Amount**

The TBR scholarships are designed to cover the difference in costs between a semester at MTSU and in Washington. The exact details vary a little for each student depending on how college is being financed-- with lottery monies, academic scholarships, loans, and so on. Once students are selected for the program, each will have an individual meeting with the Financial Aid office on campus. Thus far, they have been able to make it work for every student going to Washington, so the scholarship amount covers the difference in cost between MTSU and Washington.

## **Requirements:** - be a junior or senior the semester you will be in Washington

- have a GPA of at least 3.0
- ALL MAJORS ARE WELCOME
- have a real interest in some aspect of public affairs
- once selected for a scholarship, students must be accepted for admission by The Washington Center

## For More Information: -1- Contact Dr. David Carleton, Department of Political Science, Peck Hall 245 or 898-5461 or <u>carleton@mtsu.edu</u> 2. Visit The Washington Conter website at http://www.two.edu

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